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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 23 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998) and 1199 (1998)

Iraq

Other matters

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	1390th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 748 (1992) CONCERNING THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA

3.30 p.m.*	89th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing to interested Members of the United Nations in Conference Room 7, immediately following the meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9 a.m. 3rd meeting Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-third regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]:

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/53/232);

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran (A/53/233).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 14th meeting Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 63 to 80

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 23rd meeting Conference Room 2

1. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

   (a) Implementation and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development

      (i) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries

      (ii) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

      Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.12

   (b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

      Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.13

2. Environment and sustainable development [94]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.10 and L.11

3. Environment and sustainable development [94] (A/53/487, A/53/156-S/1998/78, A/53/25, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/96, A/53/165-S/1998/601, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/416, A/53/425)

   (b) Protection of the global climate for present and future generations of mankind (A/53/449)

   (c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/53/65-E/1998/5, A/53/358)

   (d) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/53/451)

   (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/53/516)

   General discussion (continued)

3 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Poom 2

[Panel discussion on "How to Achieve a Better Coherence and Improved Coordination among Environmental and Environment Related Conventions"; panellists: Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, Mr. Michael Zammit-Cutajar, Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and Mr. Sam Johnston, Legal Affairs Officer (Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity) (Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.)]

4.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	24th meeting (resumed)	Conference Room 2

Environment and sustainable development [94] (A/53/487, A/53/156-S/1998/78, A/53/25, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/ 95-S/1998/311, A/53/96, A/53/165-S/1998/601, A/53/371-S/1998/ 848, A/53/416, A/53/425)

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(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/53/516)

General discussion (concluded)

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108] (A/53/18, A/53/255, A/53/256, A/53/269, A/53/305, A/53/489*, A/C.3/53/2)

2. Right of peoples to self-determination [109] (A/53/131-S/1998/435, A/53/205-S/1998/711, A/53/280, A/53/338)

Introductory statements and general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Pattern of conferences [117] (A/51/946, A/52/7 (paras. 113 and 114), A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16 (paras. 334-352), A/53/21, A/53/32, A/53/221, A/53/257 and A/53/507)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara [125]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.12

3. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan [136]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.10

4. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force [140]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.11

5. Programme planning [114]

6. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118] (A/C.5/53/28)

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/C.5/53/23 and A/C.5/53/24))

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* Following the adjournment of the 12th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

International Court of Justice: Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials; Financial arrangements associated with the dining room at the International Court of Justice

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Sandru (Romania) will hold informal consultations on a draft proposal on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women (agenda item 104) *today*, 23 October, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8, and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Briefing

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management will hold a special briefing for interested delegations on the report of the Secretary-General on human resources management reform (A/53/414) *today*, 23 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Following the adjournment of the special briefing, the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management will apprise members of the Group of 77 and China on the current status of activities for the reform of human resources management.

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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Informal consultations on agenda item 38 (Oceans and the Law of the Sea) will be held *today*, 23 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 23 October 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 37: World Summit for Social Development)

9.30 a.m.- 10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on item 94 (e): Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa; item 94 (c): Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States)

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on item 104: Implementation of the Outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

2 p.m.- 3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Item 91 (d): External debt crisis and development)

2.30 p.m.- 3.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Item 91: Macroeconomic policy questions: Globalization; item 93: Cultural development; item 92 (a): Business and development; item 93 (c): Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat); and item 93(g): Cultural development)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting on the draft resolution on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention, organized by the delegation of Poland, *today*, 23 October 1998, from 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

A meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency", organized by the delegation of Slovenia, will be held *today*, 23 October 1998, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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A meeting of all interested delegations and potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Illicit Traffic in Small Arms", organized by the delegation of South Africa, will be held *today*, 23 October 1998, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 4.

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A meeting of co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 42 (Assistance in mine clearance), organized by the delegation of Austria, will be held *today*, 23 October 1998, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 26 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 43rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Election to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/440) [16 (a)].

2. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/109) [17 (h)].

3. Elimination of coercive measures as a means of political and economic compulsion: draft resolution (A/53/L.7/Rev.1) [51].

4. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/521) [112] .

5. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; human resources management: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/533) [112 and 119].

6. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/522) [143 (a)].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 13th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be an informal presentation by Professor Johannes A. van Ginkel, Rector of the United Nations University, on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on "Adjusting the Role of Governments to Globalization" will be held on Tuesday, 27 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The panellists will be Mr. Shabbir G. Cheema, Director, Management Development and Governance Division, UNDP, and Ms. Cheryl Gray, Manager of Public Sector Management Unit, World Bank. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

A briefing on next year's Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, UNISPACE III (Vienna, 19-30 July 1999), convened as a special session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS), will be given by the Office for Outer Space Affairs and Ambassador Peter Jankowitch, Special Representative and national coordinator of Austria for UNISPACE III, immediately after the adjournment of the 11th plenary meeting of the Fourth Committee on Monday, 26 October 1998, in the afternoon, in Conference Room 4. Information will be provided, *inter alia*, on the participation of the private sector, organizational aspects of the planned space exhibition, as well as accompanying events like Space Generation Forum, for young professionals and students. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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The Committee on Information will resume its twentieth session on Tuesday, 27 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Trusteeship Council Chamber. Following the formal opening of the meeting and introduction of the report of the Secretary-General on the development of United Nations international radio broadcasting capacity (A/AC.198/1998/4)*, the Committee will begin informal consultations on this report.

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* To be issued.

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The 1998 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Tuesday, 3 November 1998, at 3 p.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

The second segment devoted to the 1998 Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Wednesday, 4 November, at 10 a.m. and on Thursday, 5 November, at 10 a.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations that have not already submitted the names of their representatives to both Pledging Conferences could do so to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre de Barros (room S-2950-G, tel.: 963-2320).

The list of speakers for both pledging conferences will be open beginning Monday, 26 October, until Monday, 2 November.

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TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

The sixty-second session of the Trusteeship Council will be convened on Monday, 26 October 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on item 108: Elimination of racism and racial discrimination)* on Monday, 26 October 1998, at 1.45 p.m. Conference Room 9.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Monday, 26 October 1998, at 1.45 p.m. Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting, organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, of Parliamentarians attending the fifty-third session of the General Assembly on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Miguel Angel Martínez, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Council. All Parliamentarians are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations for interested delegations will be held on Monday, 26 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8, to discuss a draft resolution relating to the comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (agenda item 85).

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There will be informal consultations on agenda item 37 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development) on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal briefing

There will be a briefing by Mr. Alan Simcock of the British Government's Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6, on the Second London Oceans Workshop, which is being sponsored jointly by the United Kingdom and Brazil in December 1998, to assist the preparations for the 1999 session of the Commission on Sustainable Development. The briefing will be followed by a question-and-answer period. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Symposium

A symposium on "De-alerting of Nuclear Weapons", organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, will be held on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions and representatives of interested organizations are invited to attend.

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Seminars

The first seminar of the economic governance seminar series on the theme "Towards a More Differentiated Perspective on Industrial Policy", organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration (DPEPA) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place on Wednesday, 28 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A. Prof. Richard Nelson, Columbia University, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A seminar on the theme "The Impact of Reductions in Working Hours on Employment", sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place on Friday, 30 October 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Professor Dr. Gerhard Bosch of the Institut Arbeit und Technik, Germany, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m; Thursday, 5 November from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 6 November from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 30 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 22 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

42nd plenary meeting

Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/357) [7]

The General Assembly took note of document A/53/357.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States [27]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/434);

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.11)

The representative of Egypt made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.11.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 477 (V) of 1 November 1950, the observer for the League of Arab States made a statement.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.11 (resolution 53/8).

The representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 27.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States [21]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/272 and Add.1);

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.10/Rev.1)

The representative of Honduras made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.10/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Dominican Republic (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States) and Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 253 (III) of 16 October 1948, the observer for the Organization of American States made a statement.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.10/Rev.1 (resolution 53/9).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 21.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/420) [25]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the agenda item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System" to its fifty-fourth session and to include it in the provisional agenda of that session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 25.

Report of the Security Council (A/53/2) [11]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 11.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kenya, Jamaica, the Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Belarus, Uruguay and Tunisia.

The representative of Burkina Faso made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Security Council (A/53/2).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 11.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 13th meeting

Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee [80]

The Committee heard statements by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and associated States), Australia, India, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, Egypt, South Africa, Algeria and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Committee also considered its organizational work.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 10th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [82]

The Chairman made an opening statement during the course of which he drew attention to the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, contained in document A/53/20, as well as the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/53/265.

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia and the associated country, Cyprus), Tunisia, Japan, Kazakhstan, the Syrian Arab Republic, India, Malaysia and China.

The representative of Chile, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, introduced the report of the Committee (A/53/20).

The Chairman made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the item at 6 p.m. the same day.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE 21st meeting

Joint session of the Second Committee and the Trade and Development Board of UNCTAD

The Committee held a joint video-conference session (Geneva-New York) with the high-level segment of the Trade and Development Board, on the theme "The ripple effects and lessons to be learnt from the financial crisis on trade, investment and development: regional perspectives." The event included welcoming remarks of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, Mr. Rubens Ricupero, and H. E. Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand and Chairman of the high-level segment of the Trade and Development Board, H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi, Ambassador (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Chairman of the Second Committee, and Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

The panellists (on the Geneva side) were the Executive Secretaries of the United Nations Regional Commission for Europe (ECE), Mr. Yves Berthelot, for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, and Mr. Ali Abdel Gader Ali, Director, Economic and Social Policy Division (ECA), Mr. André van Heemstra, Vice-President, Asia and the Pacific, (Unilever); (on the New York side) Ms. Joyce Cornell, Managing Director, Scudder Kemper Investments, Inc., and Mr. Robert D. Hormats, Vice-Chairman, Goldman Sachs International.

The representatives of India, Indonesia, St. Lucia, Benin and Yemen, in New York, and the representatives of the European Commission and the Islamic Republic of Iran, in Geneva, posed questions to the panellists. Mr. Robert Hormats, Ms. Joyce Cornell, as well as the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, responded to questions raised.

Closing remarks were made by H.E. Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand and by Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD.

22nd meeting

Environment and sustainable development [94]

(b) Protection of the global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

Introductory statements were made by the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat for the Convention on Climate Change, the Executive Secretary of the Convention to Combat Desertification, the representative of the Secretariat for the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the Chief of Branch of the Division for Sustainable Development of DESA.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Benin (on behalf of the African States group), Brazil (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay), the Russian Federation, Norway, Barbados (on behalf of AOSIS), Australia, Ethiopia, Maldives, India, Guyana (on behalf of CARICOM), Malta, the Republic of Korea, Costa Rica (also on behalf of the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama) and Israel.

THIRD COMMITTEE 21st and 22nd meetings

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Tunisia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Venezuela, Maldives, Turkey, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ecuador, Kyrgyzstan, Jordan, Israel, Qatar and Malaysia.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Eritrea and Ethiopia.

The Committee then concluded its general discussion of the item.

Advancement of women [103]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolutions

A/C.3/53/L.10

The representative of the Philippines, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, China, Colombia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Georgia, Ireland, Namibia, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Poland, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, the United Kingdom, the United States, Uruguay and Viet Nam, introduced and corrected the draft resolution.

A/C.3/53/L.11

The representative of the Netherlands, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Burkino Faso, Botswana, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Hungary, Israel, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Nicaragua and Nigeria, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/53/L.12

The representative of Norway introduced the draft resolution and announced that Argentina, Bolivia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Mongolia, Panama, the Philippines, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, France, Greece, Hungary, Malawi, Mali, Portugal, Rwanda, South Africa, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, Venezuela and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A/C.3/53/L.13

The representative of Australia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Cameroon, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, France, Guyana, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mongolia, the Netherlands, San Marino, Slovenia, Solomon Island, Sweden, Turkmenistan, the United Kingdom and Viet Nam, introduced the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Bolivia, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Jamaica, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mozambique, the Republic of Moldova, Singapore, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Trinidad and Tobago joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [101]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft proposals

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.8

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group) orally revised the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.9

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Italy further orally revised the draft resolution.

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, the Bahamas, Barbados, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Colombia, Congo, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Guyana, Jamaica, Liberia, Mongolia, Panama, Poland, Solomon Islands, Togo and Trinidad and Tobago joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

International drug control [102]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.7

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Benin, Botswana, Cape Verde, the Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Guinea, Guyana, Israel, Lesotho, Liberia, Mali, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Rwanda, San Marino, Senegal, Solomon Islands, Togo, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item.

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Establishment of an international criminal court [153]

Statements were made by the delegations of Slovenia, the Russian Federation, San Marino, Hungary, India, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Armenia, Sweden, Canada, Venezuela, the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Pakistan, Israel, Australia, Cyprus, Portugal, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Liechtenstein, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ireland, Cameroon, the Netherlands, Poland, Guinea, Uruguay, Uganda, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Ghana, the United Kingdom, Ukraine, Honduras (on behalf of Central American States and the Dominican Republic), Lebanon, Jordan, Georgia, Nigeria, the Sudan, Djibouti, Indonesia, Turkey, Zimbabwe, Egypt, Germany, Malta, Cuba, Ecuador, Sierra Leone and Haiti.

The observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross also made a statement.

The representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cyprus, Uganda and Turkey made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

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1706th and 1707th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the third periodic report of Belgium (CCPR/C/94/Add.3).

In accordance with the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Signature: Slovenia (21 October 1998)

Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority. Kingston, 27 March 1998

Signature: Uruguay (21 October 1998)

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Denmark (25 September 1998)
Signature: Angola (7 October 1998)
Signature: Austria (7 October 1998)
Signature: Costa Rica (7 October 1998)
Signature: Djibouti (7 October 1998)
Signature: Ecuador (7 October 1998)
Signature: Eritrea (7 October 1998)
Signature: Finland (7 October 1998)
Signature: Honduras (7 October 1998)
Signature: Ireland (7 October 1998)
Signature: Jordan (7 October 1998)
Signature: New Zealand (7 October 1998)
Signature: Paraguay (7 October 1998)
Signature: Portugal (7 October 1998)
Signature: Slovenia (7 October 1998)
Signature: Sweden (7 October 1998)
Signature: The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (7 October 1998)
Signature: Croatia (12 October 1998)
Signature: Luxembourg (13 October 1998)
Signature: Venezuela (14 October 1998)
Signature: Cyprus (15 October 1998)
Signature: Sierra Leone (17 October 1998)

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Acceptance: Argentina (21 October 1998)*

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Acceptance: Argentina (21 October 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Disarmament Week

The Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Disarmament (New York), will hold a series of panel discussions to take place during the Disarmament Week of 1998 from 26 to 29 October 1998, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. On Tuesday, 27 October, there will be panels at 10 a.m. on the theme "How Can We Make Progress Towards Nuclear Disarmament and Prevent Further Proliferation" and at 2.30 p.m. on the theme "Non-Governmental Initiatives."

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Special events

A United Nations Day concert of classical music will be held *today*, 23 October 1998, at 4 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Philharmonie der Nationen, with Justus Frantz conducting, will perform works by Beethoven and Rimsky-Korsakov. H.E. Dr. Didier Opertti Badán, President of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, and H.E. Dr. Dieter Kastrup, Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations, will make statements. The concert is co-sponsored by the Government of Germany and the Department of Public Information (DPI). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media will be admitted on presentation of a valid grounds pass.

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A special event will take place on Thursday, 29 October 1998, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, to launch the volume "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Fifty Years and Beyond" published by Baywood Publishing Company, for and on behalf of the United Nations.

The event is co-sponsored by Argentina, Canada, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, the Philippines, Samoa, South Africa and Sweden, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Department of Public Information, as well as several non-governmental organizations.

The event will include statements of the Secretary-General, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and other contributors to the book. Ambassador William J. Vanden Heuvel, Chairman, United States Coordinating Committee for UDHR50, will be the guest speaker. All delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Information Fair

The Annual Inter-Agency Information Fair, organized by the Department of Public Information, is being held in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until *today*, 23 October 1998. The event brings together nearly 30 specialized agencies, programmes and departments of the United Nations system, each with representatives on hand to answer questions and distribute brochures, posters and other information materials.

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New United Nations stamps and souvenir card

On Tuesday, 27 October 1998, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights". The denominations of the new stamps will be 32 cents, 55 cents, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,80, S 4.50 and S 7. A souvenir card will also be issued on the same theme. The new stamps, souvenir card, first day covers and hand cancellations can be obtained by members of delegations and staff at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby on 27 October from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Details about the new stamps and souvenir card are available in Information Circular ST/IC/1998/63.

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Training programme

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library would like to announce the beginning of its fall Internet training programme. To register or for further information, please contact the Library (tel.: 963-7355) or send an e-mail at the following address: dhlpubh@un.org

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